

REMARKS**STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1 and 2 have been combined such that claims 1, 3 and 4 are pending in the current application. It is respectfully submitted that all claims are now in allowable form.

ISSUES UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

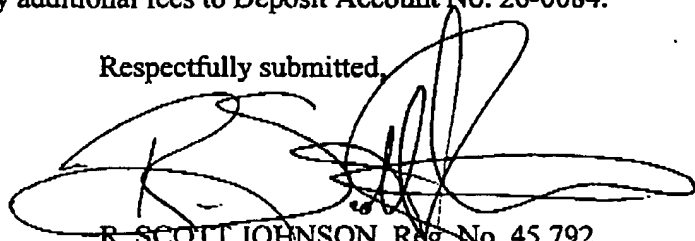
Claims 1-4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Shuricht et al. Applicants respectfully traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the Shuricht et al. reference fails to teach or reasonably suggest printing a shipping label for each document in-line with each document. Instead, the Shuricht et al. reference merely suggests all necessary shipping documents are prepared by the system. As discussed in paragraph 4 of the published patent application, such prior art systems have separately printed or preprinted shipping materials which requires the shipping materials to be merged with the documents in a separate production process. The present invention avoids these unnecessary steps and the inevitable complications that arise by printing shipping materials in-line with the documents themselves. This process is discussed throughout the specification, but is generally concluded in paragraphs 34-37. As the Shuricht et al. reference fails to disclose, teach or reasonably suggest preparing shipping documents in-line with the printed documents to be shipped, as is required by claim 1, it is respectfully requested that this rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn. As claims 3 and 4 depend from claim 1, it is respectfully requested that the rejections of claims 3 and 4 based upon the Shuricht et al. also be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 3 and 4 are now in form for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is therefore requested. No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Respectfully submitted,



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